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# The 5 O'clock Wave

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Rotary District 9700 **New South Wales** Australia

Meetings: Tuesday 6.15 Wagga R.S.L Club, Dobbs St

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"You can have anything you want if you want it badly enough. You can be anything you want to be, do anything you set out to accomplish if you hold to that desire with singleness of purpose". ......Abraham Lincoln

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

#### Monday 11 March 2013

Science and Engineering Dinner held in conjunction with South Wagga Wagga Rotary Club

The dinner will be at: Meeting Room 2 at RSL Club Dobbs Street, Wagga Wagga. Cost is: \$15.00 Time: 6:15pm

#### **Tuesday 12 March 2013** \*\*\*\*NORMAL MEETING CANCELLED \*\*\*\* IN LIEU MEETING REPLACED BY S & E DINNER THE NIGHT BEFORE

#### **Tuesday 12 March 2013**

Science and Engineering Challenge hosted by our club in association with the Faculty of Engineering and Built Environment at Newcastle University. MTC, Wagga Wagga

#### **Tuesday 19 March 2013**

General Meeting followed by Directors Meeting

#### 18-22 March 2013

RYDA - Rotary Youth Driver Awareness Program Equex Centre - Football Club Rooms Cnr Kooringal Rd and Copland St Wagga Wagga 9am to 3pm

#### 8-13 April 2013

RYLA - Rotary Youth Leadership Awards Camp Kurrajong Oura Rd Wagga Wagga

## This Week's Meeting

Our next meeting will be on **Monday 11 March** 2013 instead of Tuesday, as we will be attending the sponsorship dinner for the Science and Engineering challenge hosted by the Wagga Rotary clubs for local high school students. **Riverina Water** is the major sponsor this year.

The Challenge is an outreach program conducted nationally by the University of Newcastle. It is designed to inspire students to study science and engineering at a senior level. Each challenge day, up to 250 students participate in a series of exciting competitive activities. These activities are designed to demonstrate the varied and practical elements of a career in the science and engineering industries. The Challenge takes the students out of the classroom and gives them a day of fun, teamwork and discovery.



In 2009, the Science and Engineering Challenge involved more than 22,000 students from over 600 schools across Australia. Past participants in the Challenge said:

- 93% Found the Challenge rewarding
- 84% Found the Challenge informative about relevant potential careers

The dinner will be held in conjunction with the normal club meeting for South Wagga Wagga Rotary Club.

The President of South Wagga Wagga club is Tony Crawford. The dinner will be at: Meeting Room 2 at RSL Club Dobbs Street, Wagga Wagga. Cost is: \$15.00 Time: 6:15pm.

It is becoming a tradition to hold the sponsor dinner with South Wagga Wagga Club so come along and meet some new faces. You will also be put to the test in doing a "Challenge type "activity on the night to see if you have what it takes to be an engineer.





## Last Week's Meeting – 5 March 2013

Last week we had a great meeting at the Berry St Vet clinic followed by dinner at the Golden Seasons restaurant. Club member Ivory Roberts who is a Vet Nurse with the clinic a



gave us a guided tour through the clinic. From the electronic X-Ray room to the Intensive care room and operating table.

The Clinic is owned by local vet Mark Sayer, who has a number of clinics around the Riverina including a new one at Henty. The clinic is attached to the Berry St Pet shop and had a number of cute pets looking for new homes

Ivory Spoke about the most common problems she encounters with pets

and the fact that most of them including the canine parvovirus, can be prevented by a simple

and relatively inexpensive vaccination.

Ivory also recounted a story of some very "Different" customers who brought an aggressive dog in to be put down! Only to bring it back a few hours later wanting to know what was wrong with it and wanting it revived!!!!!!!!

The tour of the surgery was followed by dinner at the Golden Seasons Restaurant.





#### **TWILIGHT CONCERT – BBQ 1 March 2013**



Club members had a good night of entertainment as well as doing some volunteer work at this event. The music was out of sight compared to the usual musical accompaniment at the Lakeside BBQ even if at times it was a bit LOUD.

The Kapooka Army Band played a variety of musical styles with Katie Underwood (Of Bardot fame) out the front. The night finished off with a dazzling laser light show.

Our total takings were: \$573.00 and less our expenses, we made a profit of \$209.55. But we had lots of left over drinks so our expenses will be less next time. We sold out of Lamb burgers which were very popular.

Thanks to: Jenny Fyfe, Ian Fyfe, Gary Roberts, Ivory Roberts, Ruth Kingwill and Catherine Conroy and new volunteer – Andre Van Mosseveld. Andre earned the rotary BBQ apron. Watch out Ron, he may be a contender to your BBQ chef extraordinaire crown.







## RYDA – ROTARY YOUTH DRIVER AWARENESS ON SOON. Week commencing 18 March 2013

An email was sent last week seeking two volunteers for Monday 18 March 2013. Please contact Jenny Lovekin if you can assist. RYDA is a program aimed at students that have just got their Learner or provisional driver's licences. It is an education program designed to make young people more aware of the responsibilities, risk and dangers in having the privilege of driving on the road.

The day covers a broad range of road safety topics such as: Stopping distances, Hazards, distractions and risks, Plan B – Alcohol, drugs and fatigue, Road choices, Crash survivor and My wheels.

## DISTRICT 9700 ANNUAL CONFERENCE AT LEETON 19-21 APRIL 2013

The District Conference for our area is this year hosted by Rotary Club Leeton and Leeton Central. The program is included below. You will see there are world class speakers - Former Deputy Prime Minister The Hon Tim Fischer AC will talk about "From the Riverina to Rome: Diplomacy & Peace". Army Major Matina Jewell will present about her time as a UN Peace Observer in Lebanon in 2006. Dr James Masson will show us the work he does as part of an Interplast medical Team and Kim Savill will show the great work of the school of St Jude in Tanzania. As well you will hear about what other Rotary clubs are doing in our region.

If you haven't attended a district conference before, it is well worth going and it only an hour and a half to Leeton. The main days are Saturday and Sunday. You can choose to attend one day or all three its up to you. There is only limited accommodation available and you would have to get in quick. For more information go to the District Website at: www. Rotary 9700.org.au and www.leetontourism.com.au.

You can register and pay for the conference by going to: www.rotary9700.org.au

http://secure2.mybookingmanager.com/attendee\_register\_input\_B.asp?hdnPar=0^^0

#### **REGISTRATION COSTS ARE:**

Full Registration (all activities except Governors Lunch)	\$1	73.00
Saturday MorningTea/Lunch	\$	28.00
Saturday Dinner Dance	\$	70.00
Sunday Morning Tea/Lunch	\$	28.00

## **District Conference Program Highlights**

#### Friday 19th April 2013

3.00 pm Registration – Roxy Theatre

6.00 pm Combined Welcome function in conjunction with the Leeton Art

**Deco Festival at the Roxy Theatre** 

#### Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2013

7.00am Friendship Breakfast, Leeton Soldiers Club - Local Historian/Art

**Deco Speakers** 

8.00 am Registrations Open - Roxy Theatre

10.00 am Keynote Speaker – The Hon Tim Fischer AC – "From the Riverina to Rome:

Diplomacy and Peace!"

11.00 am Rotary Club Project – Leeton – MS Mega Swim

11.30 am GSE- Report from visit to Kansas D5690

12.00 noon Speaker - Kim Saville - School of St Jude, Tanzania

1.35 pm GSE -Team D5690 Kansas

3.00 pm Keynote Speaker – Matina Jewel Author and former UN Peace

Keeper – "Caught in the Crossfire"

6.00 pm Celebration Dinner Dance at the Leeton Soldiers' Club

Art Deco theme and featuring music by "Kiss My Brass"

#### Sunday 21st April 2013

09.10am Dr James Masson - Interplast

09.30 am Speaker - Huy Nguyen - Founder of "Enable Development"

11.20am Introduction to "Leeton – The Formative Years" - Jake Spear

12.00 noon Declaration of Leeton as Peace Community in Rotary Park

12.35 pm Farewell Lunch - Rotary Park